

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning AB 2105 without my signature.

This bill would expand the list of mandated reporters of suspected financial elder and dependent adult abuse to include all financial lending institutions and their employees engaged in lending or servicing activities. The bill would also add courses to detect signs of financial and elder abuse and reporting requirements to the list of consumer protection courses or programs required for real estate license renewal.

While my Administration is committed to the prompt investigation of suspected financial elder and dependent adult abuse, the current fiscal crisis does not allow me to support legislation which creates an additional workload for already-overburdened programs. County adult protective services agencies, which would need to provide training and guidance to finance lenders in their new reporting duties, are already stretched thin.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger